

**United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6.2.2 (Chicago)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-06528**

Arab American Action Network v. Department of Homeland
Security et al
Assigned to: Honorable John Z. Lee
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/26/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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09/26/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed by Arab American Action Network. Filing fee \$ 400, receipt number 0752-14990778. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A through I)(Wenzloff, Aaron) (Docket Text Modified by Clerks Office) (ew,). (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>2</u>	CIVIL Cover Sheet (Wenzloff, Aaron) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>3</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff Arab American Action Network by Aaron Paul Wenzloff (Wenzloff, Aaron) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/26/2018		CASE ASSIGNED to the Honorable John Z. Lee. Designated as Magistrate Judge the Honorable Sidney I. Schenkier. (daj,) (Docket Text Modified by Clerks Office) (ew,). (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>4</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff Arab American Action Network by Hanan Erikat Van Dril (Van Dril, Hanan) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/26/2018		SUMMONS Issued as to Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Attorney General (daj,) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/27/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE TO THE PARTIES – The Court is participating in the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot (MIDP). The key features and deadlines are set forth in this Notice which includes a link to the (MIDP) Standing Order and a Checklist for use by the parties. In cases subject to the pilot, all parties must respond to the mandatory initial discovery requests set forth in the Standing Order before initiating any further discovery in this case. Please note: The discovery obligations in the Standing Order supersede the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1). Any party seeking affirmative relief must serve a copy of the following documents (Notice of Mandatory Initial Discovery and the Standing Order) on each new party when the Complaint, Counterclaim, Crossclaim, or Third-Party Complaint is served. (nsf,) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>6</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Initial status hearing set for 11/13/18 at 9:00 a.m. Judge Lee participates in the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project ("Project"). The Project applies to all cases filed on or after June 1, 2017, excluding the following: (1) cases exempted by Rule 26(a)(1)(B), (2) actions brought by a person in the custody of the United States, a state, or a state subdivision, regardless of whether an attorney is recruited, (3) actions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, (4) patent cases governed by the Local Patent Rules, and (5) cases transferred for consolidated administration in the District by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("Exempt Cases"). For all cases to which the Project applies, Judge Lee requires (1) each attorney appearing on behalf of Plaintiff(s) to file a "Certification by Attorney Regarding Discovery Obligations Under Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project" form within 28 days after the filing of the Complaint and (2)

		each attorney appearing on behalf of Defendant(s) to file the certification form with the Answer. The parties are directed to file a joint initial status report four business days prior to the initial status hearing. The certification form and initial status report requirements are set forth in Judge Lee's standing order regarding the "Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project" available on the Courts website. For all Exempt Cases, the parties are directed to file a joint initial status report four business days prior to the initial status hearing in accordance with the standing order governing "Initial Status Report in Cases Exempt from the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project" also available on the Court's website. Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/01/2018	<u>7</u>	CERTIFICATE Certification form regarding MIDP (Van Dril, Hanan) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
10/03/2018	<u>8</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Arab American Action Network as to All Defendants., SUMMONS Returned Executed by Arab American Action Network as to All Defendants on 10/3/2018, answer due 10/24/2018 (Van Dril, Hanan). (Docket text modified by the Clerk's office) Modified on 10/4/2018 (mc,). (Entered: 10/03/2018)
11/07/2018	<u>9</u>	STATUS Report <i>JOINT INITIAL STATUS REPORT</i> by Arab American Action Network (Van Dril, Hanan) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>10</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Status hearing held on 11/13/18. The government reports that they are conducting a search for the records requested in the FOIA request and will file their answer on Monday. The Court will not set a MIDP deadline at this time. Status hearing set for 1/22/19 at 9:00 a.m. Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>11</u>	DESIGNATION of Jimmy Lorenzo Arce as U.S. Attorney for Defendants Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Arce, Jimmy) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>12</u>	MOTION by Defendants Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation for extension of time to file answer <i>Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Extend Deadline to File Answer</i> (Arce, Jimmy) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Jimmy Lorenzo Arce for presentment of motion for extension of time to file answer <u>12</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 11/27/2018 at 09:00 AM. (Arce, Jimmy) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/20/2018	<u>14</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:The Court grants Defendants' unopposed motion to extend the deadline to file a responsive pleading to Plaintiff's complaint <u>12</u> to and including December 3, 2018. No appearance on the motion is necessary.Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
12/03/2018	<u>15</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation(Arce, Jimmy) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>16</u>	GENERAL ORDER 18-0028 dated 12/26/18: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective December 26, 2018, that all civil litigation involving as a party the United States of America, is immediately suspended, postponed and held in abeyance continuing for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of entry of this General Order (For Further Details See Attached Order). Signed by the Honorable Ruben Castillo on 12/26/2018: Mailed notice. (rp,) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/02/2019	<u>17</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:In light of General Order 18-0028, the Court exercises its discretion to prevent undue prejudice to any litigant during the government shutdown and strikes without prejudice all pending motions, subject to refile after the suspension of civil litigation in which the United States is involved as a civil litigant has been lifted. In the same vein, the Court also strikes all status hearings, including the 1/22/19 status hearing at 9:00 a.m., which will be reset once the suspension has been lifted. Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/08/2019	<u>18</u>	MOTION by Attorney Aaron P. Wenzloff to withdraw as attorney for Arab American Action Network. No party information provided (Wenzloff, Aaron) (Entered: 01/08/2019)

01/08/2019	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Aaron Paul Wenzloff for presentment of motion to withdraw as attorney <u>18</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 1/15/2019 at 09:00 AM. (Wenzloff, Aaron) (Entered: 01/08/2019)
01/08/2019	<u>20</u>	AMENDED GENERAL ORDER 18-0028 dated 01/08/2019: On December 26, 2018, General Order 18-0028 was entered. It appearing that the lapse of congressional appropriations funding the federal government continues, therefore General Order 18-0028 is now amended. (For Further Details See Attached Order). Signed by the Honorable Ruben Castillo on 1/8/2019: Mailed notice. (sm,) (Entered: 01/08/2019)
01/09/2019	<u>21</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Motion to withdraw as attorney <u>18</u> is granted. Aaron Paul Wenzloff is granted leave to withdraw as counsel. No appearance is required on the motion. Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>22</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Pursuant to General Order 19-0004 and the lifting of the stay, the Court notes that there are no pending deadlines in this case and sets a status hearing for February 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>23</u>	GENERAL ORDER 19-0004: RESETTING OF DEADLINES IN CIVIL MATTERS INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES AS A PARTY. IT APPEARING THAT as a result of the partial federal government shutdown, this Court amended General Order 18-0028 suspending as of December 21, 2018, all civil litigation in which the United States of America, its agencies, its officers, or employees were parties, with the stated intention of clarifying schedules in such cases upon the expiration of the lapse in appropriations; and IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT appropriations having been restored to fund the Department of Justice and other Executive Branch agencies, with employees beginning to report for work beginning on January 28, 2019; accordingly IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the stay entered by General Order 18-0028 is hereby lifted, and any and all deadlines in the affected civil litigation (whether established by order, rule, or agreement.), including but not limited to any scheduled discovery and pleading dates, are extended by 42 days. (For Further Details See Attached Order). Signed by the Honorable Ruben Castillo on 1/28/2019: Mailed notice. (mgw,) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/11/2019	<u>24</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff Arab American Action Network by Wallace Bertram Hilke (Hilke, Wallace) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/13/2019	<u>25</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Status hearing held on 2/13/19. The government reports that the agency intends to produce responsive documents to Plaintiff by the end of April. This case is stayed. Status hearing set for 4/30/19 at 9:00 am. Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
04/30/2019	<u>26</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Status hearing held on 4/30/19. The government reports that the agency needs 30 additional days to produce the responsive documents to Plaintiff. Status hearing set for 6/4/19 at 9:00 a.m. Mailed notice (ca,) (Entered: 04/30/2019)